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Dear Sir/Madam,

This is to deny your refund request in the amount of \$9.00, for patent/serial number 09558260.

The "Responsive Amendment" filed Nov. 17, 2003 added 14 dependent claims for a total of \$117.
Your check only covered 13. Your deposit account was charged for the difference of \$9.

Sincerely,

JACKIE WALDO
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